

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO VI AND OZZIE SIS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to Vi and Ozzie Sis of Fruita, Colorado. This remarkable couple is being recognized by the City of Fruita for the hard work and dedication they have given to the community. As Vi and Ozzie receive this recognition, I am honored to speak of their contributions and accomplishments here today.

Arriving in Fruita in 1985, these fine Coloradans quickly realized that they wanted to be involved in community activities. With a lot of hard work, the couple quickly became two of the area's best community servants. They helped bring a new Dinosaur Museum to Fruita, helped to establish a new civic center, and were instrumental in the creation of the Highway 340 corridor. In addition to these contributions, Vi spent over a decade on the Fruita City Council, serving several years as the Mayor Pro Tem.

As Ozzie and Vi prepare for their move to Colorado Springs, they have begun to think about volunteering in their new town. Their friends claim that if something needs to be done, they will be more than happy to do it.

Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues here today in applauding Vi and Ozzie's civic-mindedness and in recognizing their hard work on behalf of our community. This recognition to the couple for the work they do in their community is long overdue, and I am proud to bring their achievements to the attention of this body of Congress today. Congratulations and thanks again, Vi and Ozzie, for your many years of hard work on behalf of Fruita and the State of Colorado.

RECOGNIZING HAMMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize the many accomplishments of the Hammond Public Library throughout its 100 years of service to the Northwest Indiana community. As the citizens of Hammond and all of Northwest Indiana celebrate the centennial of the Hammond Library, we are reminded of the dedication and valiant efforts that have been made to incorporate education and community leadership to the region.

It was in 1903 that the first library board of Hammond was appointed. This board included Dr. W.F. Howat as the first president, Mr. J.G.

Ibach as the vice president, as well as many other distinguished appointed members. In 1904, the first library was moved into its own room in the Chicago Telephone Building. Mr. Andrew Carnegie, who at the time was contributing to the funding of public libraries across the nation, donated \$27,000 to construct a new building for the library. On July 8, 1905, the library dubbed "Old Main," was dedicated as the first fully constructed library building in the area and it served the community well for 62 years.

In 1910, the first branch office was established in a room above a fire station, and it was known as Branch No. 1. Three more branches were established in the next 12 years and the library deposited many collections of books in local department stores, the State Bank of Hammond, and also in private homes. Throughout the years, additional branches were opened to provide books and a community gathering space for the citizens of Hammond. The Hansen Branch was named after the first librarian of the Hammond Public Library, Ms. Marie Hansen. The branches continued to be named after influential leaders that helped make the dream of the library a reality.

After a time of change in the community and lack of resources, some branches were forced to close. But because of the city's strong encouragement and need for the library, they renovated the main library, as well as other branches. No matter what challenges face the community, the Hammond Public Library continues to provide many important resources for the community including books, classes, summer reading programs for children, and many community outreach programs.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating the Hammond Public Library as well as its staff and community leaders on their 100th anniversary. Their many great accomplishments and service to the Hammond community will forever be cherished and commended.

RECOGNIZING DANIEL R. KLCO FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Daniel Raymond Klco, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Daniel has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the 13 years Daniel has been involved with Scouting, he has attended several camps, including Rota-Kiwan, Gerber, and D-BaR-A. Addition-

ally, Daniel has held numerous leadership positions, serving as instructor, senior patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, scribe, assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, and formed the position of webmaster. At the 2001 National Jamboree, he was appointed to the position of patrol leader and created the website for the Gerald R. Ford Council's Jamboree Expedition.

For his Eagle Scout project, Daniel designed and built two handicap access ramps for the shower house at Camp Shawnee, a Campfire USA Camp. These ramps will allow the camp to better facilitate disabled campers and allow the camp to become handicap certified through the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Daniel Raymond Klco for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE LEVY COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS TEAM

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a group of hardworking, talented individuals from the Levy County 4-H Shooting Team from my fifth congressional district of Florida. Dwayne Wilcox, Geneva Holtriegel, Kara Alexander, and Cassie Skelton made up Levy County's delegation to the National 4-H Shooting Sports Competition, held this summer in Raton, New Mexico.

I am pleased to congratulate this group of youngsters for their stellar performance at the competition before this body, Mr. Speaker. They've represented their state, their county and the 4-H organization well and I'd like to share their results with my colleagues and I ask that they join me in honoring the Levy County 4-H Shooting Sports Team today.

In the Archery, Recurve 3D Event, Rachel Babb placed 7th, Tiffany Boykin placed 8th, the group placed 2nd as a team in this event and placed 5th overall.

Kara Alexander placed 7th overall, and in the Hunting Competition she placed 9th in the decision-making and skills events and 3rd in safety.

Also in Hunter Safety Event, Geneva Holtriegel placed 7th and Cassie Skelton placed 10th. The team as a whole placed 3rd in decision making and wildlife management.

Mr. Speaker these accomplishments are truly noteworthy. We in this chamber all know the important role that 4-H plays, and has played, in the lives of so many youths in this country. I am pleased that the organization is alive and well in my district and that these young people have chosen to become involved in it and have prospered as well as they have.

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